

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Behrens et al.

Serial No. : 10/713,623

Filed : November 13, 2003

Title : INTERMEDIATE SOFTWARE LAYER

Art Unit : 2167

Examiner : Robert M. Timblin

Conf. No. : 2446

**MAIL STOP AF**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO ACTION OF NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: